

OFFICE ~~6~~ 6

RECEIVED  
NOV 19 2002  
TC 1700

Docket: A148 1560

## ATLANTA 330015v1

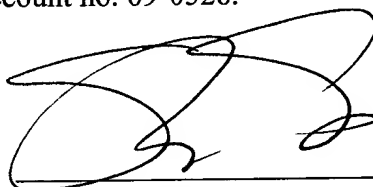
construed as a representation that an exhaustive search has been made, or that the information cited herewith is material, or that there does not exist information more material to the examination of the present Application. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the information submitted herein. On the contrary, the Examiner is requested to conduct an independent and thorough review of the information, and to form independent opinions as to their significance.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 and to indicate in the official file wrapper of the above-identified patent application that each item of the cited information has been considered.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), a check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to account no. 09-0528.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

11/08/02



Steven L. Schmid  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 39,358

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC  
P.O. Box 7037  
Atlanta, GA 30357-0037  
(404) 962-7539 (Telephone)  
(404) 870-8234 (Facsimile)

**Certificate of Mailing**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on:

November 12, 2002





Kehrer et al.

Examiner: Halpern, Mark

Art Unit: 1731

Docket: A148 1560

For: FIBROUS SHEET BINDERS

### **37 CFR 1.97(e) CERTIFICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This certification is being submitted, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement enclosed herewith. Each reference cited by the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office regarding a related foreign application. The communication from the foreign patent office was not received more than three months prior to the submittal of this certification.

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Steven L. Schmid  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 39,358

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC  
P.O. Box 7037  
Atlanta, GA 30357-0037  
(404) 872-7000 (Telephone)  
(404) 888-7490 (Facsimile)  
Docket No.: A148.1560

## Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on:

November 12, 2002